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BB Code

Explanation

BB code is a set of tags based on the HTML language that you may already be familiar with. They allow you to add formatting to your messages in the same way as HTML does, but have a simpler syntax and will never break the layout of the pages you are viewing. The ability to use BB code is set on a forum-by-forum basis by the administrator, so you should check the forum rules when you post a new message.

Below is a list of the BB code tags you can use to format your messages.

BB Code List

[b], [i], [u]	Bold / Italic / Underline
[color]	Color
[size]	Size
[font]	Font
[highlight]	Highlight
[left], [right], [center]	Left / Right / Center
[indent]	Indent
[email]	Email Linking
[url]	URL Hyperlinking
[thread]	Thread Linking
[post]	Post Linking
[list]	Bulleted Lists / Advanced Lists
[img]	Images
[video]	Videos
[code]	Code
[php]	PHP Code
[quote]	Quote
[noparse]	Stop BB Code Parsing
[attach]	Attachment

Incorrect BB Code Usage:

- **[url]** www.example.com **[/url]** - don't put spaces between the bracketed code and the text you are applying the code to.
- **[email]**myname@domain.com**[email]** - the end brackets must include a forward slash (**[/email]**)

Bold / Italic / Underline

The [b], [i] and [u] tags allow you to create text that is bold, italic and underlined.

Usage	[b]**value**[/b] [i]**value**[/i] [u]**value**[/u]
Example Usage	[b]this text is bold[/b] [i]this text is italic[/i] [u]this text is underlined[/u]
Example Output	**this text is bold** *this text is italic* this text is underlined

Color

The [color] tag allows you to change the color of your text.

Usage	[color=**Option**]**value**[/color]
Example Usage	[color=blue]this text is blue[/color]
Example Output	this text is blue

Size

The [size] tag allows you to change the size of your text.

Usage	[size=**Option**]**value**[/size]
Example Usage	[size=+2]this text is two sizes larger than normal[/size]
Example Output	this text is two sizes larger than normal

Font

The [font] tag allows you to change the font of your text.

Usage	[font=**Option**]**value**[/font]
Example Usage	[font=courier]this text is in the courier font[/font]
Example Output	this text is in the courier font

Left / Right / Center

The [left], [right] and [center] tags allow you to change the alignment of your text.

Usage	[left]**value**[/left] [center]**value**[/center] [right]**value**[/right]
Example Usage	[left]this text is left-aligned[/left] [center]this text is center-aligned[/center] [right]this text is right-aligned[/right]
Example Output	this text is left-aligned this text is center-aligned this text is right-aligned

Indent

The [indent] tag allows you to indent your text.

Usage	[indent]**value**[/indent]
Example Usage	[indent]this text is indented[/indent]
Example Output	this text is indented

Email Linking

The [email] tag allows you to link to an email address. You can include an optional parameter to 'name' your link.

Usage	[email]**value**[/email] [email=**Option**]**value**[/email]
Example Usage	[email]j.doe@example.com[/email] [email=j.doe@example.com]Click Here to Email Me[/email]
Example Output	j.doe@example.com Click Here to Email Me

URL Hyperlinking

The [url] tag allows you to link to other websites and files. You can include an optional parameter to 'name' your link.

Usage	[url]**value**[/url] [url=**Option**]**value**[/url]
Example Usage	[url]https://forum.opendesign.com[/url] [url=https://forum.opendesign.com]Open Design Alliance Forum[/url]
Example Output	https://forum.opendesign.com Open Design Alliance Forum

Thread Linking

The [thread] tag allows you to link to threads by specifying the thread id. You can include an optional parameter to 'name' your link.

Usage	[thread]**threadid**[/thread] [thread=**threadid**]**value**[/thread]
Example Usage	[thread]42918[/thread] [thread=42918]Click Me![/thread] (Note: The threadid/postid is just an example and may not link to a valid thread/post.)
Example Output	https://forum.opendesign.com/showthread.php?t=42918 Click Me!

Post Linking

The [post] tag allows you to link to posts by specifying the post id. You can include an optional parameter to 'name' your link.

Usage	[post]**postid**[/post] [post=**postid**]**value**[/post]
Example Usage	[post]269302[/post] [post=269302]Click Me![/post] (Note: The threadid/postid is just an example and may not link to a valid thread/post.)
Example Output	https://forum.opendesign.com/showthread.php?p=269302#post269302 Click Me!

Bulleted Lists

The [list] tag allows you to create simple, bulleted lists without specifying an option. Within the value portion, each bullet is denoted by the [*] tag.

Usage	[list]**value**[/list]
Example Usage	[list] [*]list item 1 [*]list item 2 [/list]
Example Output	• list item 1 • list item 2

Advanced Lists

The [list] tag allows you to create advanced lists by specifying an option. The option should have a value of 1 (for a numbered list) or A (for an alphabetic with capital letters list) or a (for an alphabetic with lowercase letters list) or I (for a numbered with capital Roman numeral list) or i (for a numbered with small Roman numeral list).

Usage	[list=**Option**]**value**[/list]
Example Usage	[list=1] [*]list item 1 [*]list item 2 [/list] [list=A] [*]list item 1 [*]list item 2 [/list] [list=a] [*]list item 1 [*]list item 2 [/list]
Example Output	1. list item 1 2. list item 2 A. list item 1 B. list item 2 a. list item 1 b. list item 2

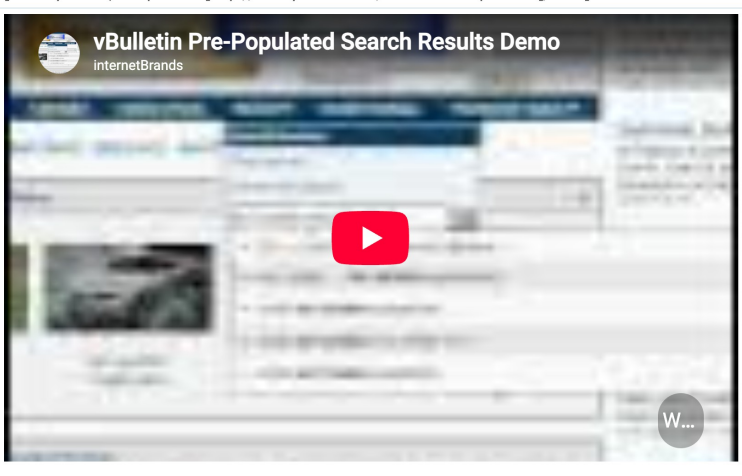
Images

The [img] tag allows you to embed images within your posts. You can also combine this tag with the [url] tag to make images become links.

Usage	[img]**value**[/img]
Example Usage	[img]https://forum.opendesign.com/images/statusicon/forum_new-48.png[/img] (Not linked) [url=http://www.example.com] [img]https://forum.opendesign.com/images/statusicon/forum_new-48.png[/img] [/url] (Linked)
Example Output	(Not linked) (Linked)

Videos

The [video] tag allows you to embed videos from various video services within your posts.

Usage	[video]**value**[/video]
Example Usage	[video=youtube;eOUq4Z6R7xI]http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eOUq4Z6R7xI[/video]
Example Output	

Code

The [code] tag switches to a fixed-width (monospace) font and preserves all spacing.

Usage	[code]**value**[/code]
Example Usage	[code] <script type="text/javascript"> <!-- alert("Hello world!"); //--> </script> [/code]

Example Output	Code:
	`<script type="text/javascript">`
	`<!--`
	`alert("Hello world!");`
	`//-->`
	`</script>`

PHP Code

The [php] tag performs the same function as the [code] tag, but also adds syntax highlighting for PHP code. Although it is designed for PHP, it may correctly highlight some other C-like languages.

Usage	[php]**value**[/php]

Example Usage	[php]
	$myvar = 'Hello World!';
	for ($i = 0; \$i < 10; \$i++)
	{
	echo $myvar . "\n";
	}
	[/php]

Example Output	PHP Code:
	`$myvar = 'Hello World!';`
	`for ($i = 0; $i < 10; $i++)`
	`{`
	`echo $myvar . "\n";`
	`}`

Quote

The [quote] tag allows you to attribute text to someone else.

Usage	[quote]**Quote**[/quote] [quote=**User Name**]**value**[/quote]
Example Usage	[quote]Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet[/quote] [quote=John Doe]Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet[/quote] [quote=John Doe;103995]Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet[/quote]
Example Output	*Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet* Originally Posted by John Doe *Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet* Originally Posted by John Doe *Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet*

Highlight

The [highlight] tag allows you to emphasize your text.

Usage	[highlight]**value**[/highlight]
Example Usage	[highlight]this text is highlighted[/highlight]
Example Output	**this text is highlighted**

Stop BB Code Parsing

The [noparse] tag allows you to stop the parsing of BB code.

Usage	[noparse]**[b]value[/b]**[/noparse]
Example Usage	[noparse][b]Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet[/b][/noparse]
Example Output	[b]Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet[/b]

Attachment

The [attach] tag allows you to display an attachment in your post rather than at the bottom. It will only display attachments that belong to the post in which it is utilized.

Usage	[attach]**attachmentid**[/attach]
Example Usage	[attach]12345[/attach]
Example Output	

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